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E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: PEPR, PARM, CT, CD  
SUBJ: BOKASSA CALLS FOR PEACE IN CHAD

1. CAE RADIO REPORTS THAT DURING A TECHNICAL STOP AT NDJAMENA MAY 8 EMPEROR BOKASSA APPEALED TO THE CHADIAN PEOPLE IN REBELLION TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS AND "NOT TO OBEY ORDERS FROM OUTSIDE." THOSE WHO ARE ARMING ONE GROUP OF CHADIANS AGAINST OTHER CHADIANS TO CHANGE CHAD ARE NOTIVATED BY "AMBITION AND TYRANNY," BOKASSA SAID. HE APPLAUDED THE EFFORTS BY PRESIDENT MALLOUM TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

2. IN AN ACCOMPANYING RADIO COMMENTARY, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORIENTATION MINISTRY EXPLAINED THAT "CERTAIN POWERS" HAD ADOPTED A POLICY OF CONSIDERABLY INCREASING THEIR DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. THEY SUPPORTED THEIR MUNITIONS INDUSTRIES BY SALES TO PARTIES IN LOCAL CONFLICTS. THIS POLICY "FAVORS TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS AND EMPLOYMENT AND PERMITS EQUILIBRIUM IN THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS." WHEN A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS CONTESTED THE ESTABLISHED ORDER, IT BECAME EASY PREY FOR ARMS MERCHANTS AND FOR COUNTRIES WHOSE OBJECTIVES OFTEN DID NOT CORRESPOND WITH THOSE OF THE  
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REBELS, ACCORDING TO THE COMMENTARY.

3. COMMENT: NEITHER BOKASSA NOR CAE RADIO NAMED THE SOVIET UNION AND LIBYA, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT THE EMPEROR IS IN FACT VERY CONCERNED BY THEIR ACTIVITIES IN CHAD. HIS VAGUE FORMULATION IS MORE IN THE AFRICAN MAINSTREAM THAN WOULD BE AN EXPLICIT CONDEMNATION. IT VERY WELL MAY BE A

PREVIEW OF THE TYPE OF STATEMENTS TO BE EXPECTED OF THE CAE  
DELEGATION AND/OR BOKASSA HIMSELF AT THE UN DISARMAMENT SESSION,  
THE NON-ALIGNED MEETING AND THE OAU SUMMIT.  
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